APA Referencing

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At university, you are expected to cite and reference all information you use in your assignments.

QUT APA is one of four official referencing styles accepted for use at QUT. It is based on the American Psychological Association publication manual.


If you’re not sure which referencing style to use for your course, ask your lecturer or tutor.
These bracket fungi?

Or this tree?

How would you find this macrofern?
In this forest?
Maps

Referencing is like providing a map of where you have been.

Correct use of referencing will allow you and your lecturer to find the same articles, books and other items that you have used for your assignment.
Referencing ensures that you avoid plagiarism.

What is plagiarism?
Plagiarism is using someone else’s work, whether that be words, images or ideas; and not telling people where you found the information.
Referencing

- Why
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Each reference has two parts

**in text citation**
- Located in the text of your essay
- Includes some of the details of your source

**Essay extract**

Australia’s unique and magnificent landforms are a great tourist attraction. Uluru is the largest rock in the world and is a spectacular sight in Australia’s central desert (Georgiou, 2007, p. 21). The Great Barrier Reef, off the coast of Queensland, is the largest coral reef in the world and home to many tropical fish and animals (Georgiou, 2007, p. 43). Australia has thousands of miles of white sandy beaches and large tracts of lush tropical rainforests. Over half of the continent is a vast, flat desert region. (Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, 2009). As one tourist put it “this place is HUGE!” (Georgiou, 2007, p. 5). Australia’s landscape is remarkable in the size and variety of spectacular landforms that are visited by travellers to this country.

**reference list entry**
- Located at the end of your essay
- Includes all the details of your source

**Reference List**


Providing a reference is like putting together a puzzle.
You need all the right pieces

- **Title**
- **Author / Creator**
- **Year Published**
- **Page Numbers** (if required)
- **Location**
In the right order

- Author / Creator
- Year of Publication
- Title
- Location (where it can be obtained)

QUT APA Style
In-text citations require less information

Australia’s unique and magnificent landforms are a great tourist attraction. Uluru is the largest rock in the world and is a spectacular sight in Australia’s central desert (Georgiou, 2007, p. 21). The Great
Different resources need different details
A Chapter of a Book

Chapter Reference in the Reference List

A Web Page

Web Page Reference in the Reference List


Author (if no individual author, use organisation that owns the website)

Year Published (year)

Title Title of the web page

Location Date Retrieved (if required) from web address of web page
Remember

Punctuation is important in referencing. Make sure you follow it exactly.
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Check out the Library website

http://www.library.qut.edu.au/
That leads you to cite write

http://www.citewrite.qut.edu.au/
Follow the APA examples done for you in cite|write.

If there is no exact example, follow the rules for each part of the reference.

Sometimes you just have to work it out.
There are people to help

- Face-to-face at Library Learning & Research desks
- Over the phone
- Via AskQUT (email)
- By webchat

http://www.library.qut.edu.au/help/
Image references (in order of appearance)

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Talkev, 'Forest', In: http://www.flickr.com/photos/tallkev/270039018/, ed, 2006, path through a forest


Leo Reynolds, 'comma', 2006, comma yellow on green with link pattern
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